

**Report of Head of Service, Targeted Services**

**Report to the Director of Children & Families**

**Date: May 2017**



**Subject: To invoke Contract Procedure Rule 21.3 to extend the Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service Framework contract 9TKG-CH6F9B for a further 12 months from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. The report seeks the approval of the Director of Childrens Services in invoking Contracts Procedure Rule 21.3 to extend the Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract for a further 12 months from 25th May 2017 to 24th May 2018.
2. The Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service is a contract with a number of providers to deliver learning and development activities to build on and embed the use of Restorative Practice approaches and Family Group Conferences across Leeds. This delivery will result in improved standards and outcomes for children and young people in Leeds
3. The Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract was initially awarded for 12 months with 2 x 12 month extensions available. This is the invocation of the final available extension period.
4. There has been no increase in value so any increase in cost to deliver the service for the extension period (e.g. staffing and overheads) will be absorbed by the provider. The decision to continue delivery of current service arrangements will not have any adverse impact on any equality group

## **Recommendations**

5. The Director of Children & Families is recommended to agree the extension of the Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract for a period of 12 months from 25th May 2017 to 24th May 2018 (12 months) to ensure continuity while the service is being reviewed.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1** The report seeks the approval of the Director of Childrens Services in invoking the Contracts Procedure rule 21.3 to extend the Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract for a further 12 months from 25th May 2017 to 24th May 2018.
- 1.2** The notional value of the 12 month extension is £150,000. There is no work guaranteed in this contract as it is operated on a 'call off' basis. This is an agreement with the providers, not a contract. The contract only starts when it is called off. There is no exclusivity to any provider and there is no guarantee of value or volume to any provider. The contract only gives an indication of anticipated spend.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1** Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service is a contract with a number of providers to deliver learning and development activities to build on and embed the use of Restorative Practice approaches and Family Group Conferences across Leeds. This delivery will result in improved standards and outcomes for children and young people in Leeds
- 2.3** The Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract was initially awarded for 12 months with 2 x 12 month extensions available. This is the invocation of the final available extension period.

## **3 Main issues**

### **3.1 Reason for Contracts Procedure Rules Waiver/ Invocation**

- 3.1.1** The current budget position has led to an annual detailed analysis, on a contract by contract basis, of whether the service purchased continues to be required and represents good value.
- 3.1.2** The extension of the Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract will ensure that Leeds City Council (LCC) is meeting its duties for the delivery of services to children and young people.
- 3.1.3** The Restorative Practice and Family Group conferencing service has been developed to include all current requirements for a high quality service. Current priorities for FGC work are children who are at risk of going into care, unborn babies where a pre-birth assessment is being undertaken, children where a child protection conference is being considered, family reunification after a period in care and families affected by domestic violence. Restorative practices are an important part of the way in which we support families to become better equipped to solve their difficulties and address challenges.

**3.1.4** The service lead and contracts team will review the monitoring arrangements to ensure the priorities, targets and outputs still meet the needs of the service required.

#### **4 Corporate Considerations**

**4.1** None

#### **4.2 Consultation and Engagement**

**4.2.1** The current service providers have been informed of the intention to extend their existing contract.

**4.2.2** Discussions have taken place with the Heads of Service and Service Lead to confirm proposed contract arrangements for service delivery.

#### **4.3 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

**4.3.1** The extension of the current contract means that the current service delivery model will continue. The service will be to the same client group at the same value. The decision to continue delivery of current service arrangements will not have any adverse impact on any equality group.

#### **4.4 Council policies and Best Council Plan**

**4.4.1** This fits with the children's plan priorities to;

- Ensure the most vulnerable are protected
- Support children to be ready for learning
- Help children to be in safe, supportive families

#### **4.5 Resources and value for money**

**4.6** The extension of this contract represents value for money by reducing disruption to the existing services by ensuring continuity from 25th May 2017 to 24th May 2018.

**4.6.1** There is a budget in place to cover the value of this extension.

**The service is being delivered on target, therefore a new commissioning is not considered good value for money at this point. This will be reviewed as part of the on-going contract management process to inform the next milestone decision.**

**4.6.2** The decision to continue delivery of current service arrangements will not have any adverse impact on any equality group. Restorative Practice and Family

Group Conferencing service compliments and strategically fits with the Vision for Leeds:

- Leeds will be fair, open and welcoming
- Leeds economy will be prosperous and sustainable
- All Leeds Communities will be successful

**4.7 4.6.3** The notional value of the 12 month extension is £150,000. **There is no work guaranteed in this contract as it is operated on a ‘call off’ basis. This is an agreement with the providers, not a contract. The contract only starts when it is called off. There is no exclusivity to any provider and there is no guarantee of value or volume to any provider. The contract only gives an indication of anticipated spend.**

#### **4.8 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

**4.7.1** This report is not subject to ‘Call In’ due to the overall notional value of the extension (£150,000) for 12 months. **There is no work guaranteed in this contract as it is operated on a ‘call off’ basis.**

**4.7.2** The initial contract when let, had provision to extend the contract for a period of x2 12 months on the same terms and conditions.

#### **4.8 Risk Management**

**4.8.1** Through an annual detailed analysis, on a contract by contract basis, the project teams have identified risks and actions to mitigate these as part of the commissioning programme plan for each service.

**4.8.2** There is no risk of challenge as the initial contract let allowed for an extension to the contract.

### **5. Conclusions**

**5.1** The Director of Children & Families is recommended to note the contents of this report and approve the invocation of the contracts procedure rule 21.3 as detailed in this report.

### **6.0 Recommendations**

**6.1** The Director of Children & Families is recommended to agree the extension of the Restorative Practice and Family Group Conferencing service framework contract for a period of 12 months from 25th May 2017 to 24th May 2018 (12 months) to ensure continuity while the service is being reviewed.

### **7.0 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

**7.1** None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.